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Film	Pay	Networks				Distributor
1,000 Dozen, The		ST				Fox/Lorber
16 Days of Glory Pt. 2				DIS		Paramount
200,000 Leagues Under the Sea	HBO					Vistar
8 Million Ways to Die					MAX	Vestron
Wedding, A					MAX	20th Century-Fox
Ada				DIS		MGM/UA
Adventures of a Plumber's Mate			TMC			Miramax
Adventures of Prof. Beethoven	HBO					Oriolo
Adventures of the American Rabbit, The				DIS		Clubhouse Pictures
All Fall Down		ST	(TMC)			MGM/UA
Ambassador, The	HBO				(MAX)	Cannon
American Anthem	HBO					Columbia
American Flyers		ST	(TMC)		(MAX)	Warner Bros.
American Ninja			TMC			Cannon
Angel and the Badman			TMC		(MAX)	Hal Roach Studios
Arthur's Hallowed Ground				DIS		Film Gallery
Ask Any Girl		ST	(TMC)			MGM/UA
Assisi Underground			TMC			Cannon
Asterix and the Twelve Tasks				*DIS		Gaumont
At Last, At Last		ST				J. Brenner
Avanti!			(TMC)		MAX	MGM/UA
Avenging Angel	HBO				(MAX)	New World
Awakening, The					MAX	Warner Bros.
Baby...Secret of the Lost Legend	(HBO)	ST	(TMC)		(MAX)	Disney
Back to School	HBO	ST	TMC		MAX	Orion
Bananas	HBO	(ST)			(MAX)	MGM/UA
Battleground					MAX	MGM/UA
Beast from 20,000 Fathoms, The			TMC			Warner Bros.
Beautiful Blonde from Bashful Bend, The				DIS		20th Century-Fox
Bedford Incident, The					MAX	Columbia
Best Boy					MAX	Int'l Film Exchange
Best of Times, The	(HBO)	(ST)	(TMC)		MAX	Universal
Beverly Hills Cop		(ST)	*TMC			Paramount
Bible in the Beginning, The					MAX	20th Century-Fox
Bible, The			TMC			20th Century-Fox
Biscuit Eater, The				*DIS		Disney
Black Arrow				*DIS		Disney
Blue City		*ST				Paramount
BMX Bandits	HBO		(TMC)			Media Home
Boarding School					MAX	Paramount
Boat, The					MAX	Columbia
Born Free	HBO			(DIS)	(MAX)	Columbia
Boys Next Door, The	HBO					New World
Brazil			TMC		(MAX)	Universal
Brigadoon		(ST)	TMC	*DIS	(MAX)	MGM/UA
Bronco Billy			TMC		(MAX)	Warner Bros.
Bye Bye Birdie					MAX	Columbia
Can You Keep It Up for a Week			TMC			Miramax
Capture of Grizzly Adams, The				*DIS		Worldvision Enterprises
Casey's Shadows	(HBO)				MAX	Columbia
Cat Ballou					*MAX	Columbia
Ceiling Zero		ST				MGM/UA
Charlie Smith and Fritter Tree				DIS		WGBH Boston
China Syndrome					MAX	Columbia
Clan of the Cave Bear	(HBO)				MAX	Warner Bros.
Cobra	HBO				MAX	Warner Bros.
Commando	(HBO)	(ST)	TMC		(MAX)	20th Century-Fox
Competition, The					MAX	Columbia
Compromising Positions		ST	(TMC)			Paramount
Conan the Barbarian	HBO	(ST)	TMC			Universal
Crawlspace					MAX	Empire
Dallas		ST			MAX	Warner Bros.
Dangerous When Wet				*DIS		MGM/UA
Deadly Force	(HBO)		*TMC			Embassy
Desperate Lives	HBO					Lorimar
Destroyers, The	HBO					Concorde
Dirty Little Billy					MAX	Columbia
Dot and the Smugglers				DIS		Cori Films
Dream of Kings, A					MAX	Warner Bros.
Dr. Strangelove					MAX	Columbia
Dragonslayer	(HBO)	*ST				Paramount
Dream Chasers, The				*DIS		Pacific Int'l.
East of Eden		ST	(TMC)		(MAX)	Warner Bros.
Ellie	(HBO)		TMC			Troma
Elvis on Tour			*TMC			MGM/UA
Elvis: That's the Way It Is			*TMC			MGM/UA
Emanuelle in Bangkok					MAX	Film Gallery
Enemy Mine	ST		TMC		(MAX)	20th Century-Fox
Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex...	HBO					MGM/UA
Every Which Way But Loose					MAX	Warner Bros.
Exchange Student, The	HBO					Scholastic
F/X	(HBO)	(ST)	(TMC)		MAX	Orion
Failsafe					MAX	Columbia
Family of Winners, A	HBO					Orbis
Fastest Gun Alive, The					MAX	MGM/UA
Final Terror, The		ST				Arkoff
Fire With Fire		*ST				Paramount
Flash Gordon	HBO					Famous
Flight of the Grey Wolf, The				DIS		Disney
Flute Man, The				DIS		Kodiak
Fool For Love		(ST)	TMC			Cannon
Foxtrap					MAX	Snizzlefritz
Fraternity Vacation	HBO				(MAX)	New World
Free Spirit		ST				J. Brenner
French Lesson	HBO					Warner Bros.
From Hell to Texas				*DIS		20th Century-Fox
Funny Girl	*HBO					Columbia
Further Adventures of the Wilderness Family, The				*DIS		Simcom
George Washington Slept Here		ST				MGM/UA
Glass Bottom Boat, The		ST			(MAX)	MGM/UA
Gods Must Be Crazy, The		(ST)	TMC			20th Century-Fox
Guns of Navarone, The					MAX	Columbia
H.O.T.S.					MAX	Blum Group
Heaven Help Us	HBO					Silver Screen
Heaven's Gate			*TMC			MGM/UA
Heavenly Kid, The	*HBO					Orion
Here Come the Lillies				DIS		Atlantic Releasing
Highlander	(HBO)	(ST)	TMC			20th Century-Fox
Hitcher, The	HBO				(MAX)	Silver Screen
Home From the Hill	(HBO)	(ST)	TMC		(MAX)	MGM/UA
Home in Indiana				(DIS)	MAX	20th Century-Fox
Hot Resort		(ST)			MAX	Cannon
Hotel			TMC		(MAX)	Warner Bros.
House					MAX	New World
I Thank a Fool		ST				MGM/UA
Ice Pirates, The	HBO				(MAX)	MGM/UA
Immortal Sargeant					MAX	20th Century-Fox
Invaders From Mars		ST	TMC			Cannon
Invisible Boy, The				*DIS		MGM/UA
It Happened at the World's Fair		(ST)	TMC			MGM/UA
Jack and the Beanstalk				*DIS		Columbia
Jesse Owens Story, The				DIS		Paramount
Joey			*TMC		(MAX)	Satori
Journey of Robert F. Kennedy, The					MAX	Universal
Julia			(TMC)		MAX	20th Century-Fox
Just Tell Me What You Want					MAX	Warner Bros.
Just You and Me, Kid					MAX	Columbia
Kiss Me Kate		(ST)	TMC	*DIS		MGM/UA
Kiss of the Spider Woman		ST	(TMC)			Embassy
Klute			(TMC)		MAX	Warner Bros.
Krush Groove					MAX	Warner Bros.
Lady Jane			TMC			Paramount
Lady Vanishes, The			TMC			New Century
Last Hurrah, The				DIS		Columbia
Law and Jake Wade, The		ST	(TMC)		MAX	MGM/UA
Le Sex Shop					*MAX	Castle Hill
Letter to Breshnev					MAX	Circle Releasing
Letters From Frank					MAX	Paramount
Lies My Father Told Me	HBO					Columbia
Lifeforce	HBO				(MAX)	Tri-Star
Lion of America, The	HBO					Lois Luger
Lolita			TMC			MGM/UA
Lone Wolf McQuade	HBO				(MAX)	Orion
Loose Screws		ST				New Horizons
Love Bug, The				*DIS		Disney
Lucky Lady			TMC		MAX	20th Century-Fox
Mad Max Beyond Thundrdome	*HBO		(TMC)		(MAX)	Warner Bros.
Malibu Express		ST	(TMC)		(MAX)	Donnelly
Man Hunt	HBO				(MAX)	Goldwyn

Film	Pay Networks					Distributor
Man in the Wilderness	(HBO)		*TMC			Warner Bros.
Man with One Red Shoe, The	(HBO)	(ST)	(TMC)		MAX	20th Century-Fox
Manhattan Project, The	HBO	ST	TMC			20th Century-Fox
Marlowe		ST				MGM/UA
Mask	HBO	(ST)	(TMC)		(MAX)	Universal
Maxie	(HBO)				MAX	Orion
McCabe & Mrs. Miller		ST			(MAX)	Warner Bros.
Merrily We Live				DIS		Hal Roach
Merry Andrew				DIS		MGM/UA
Modern Problems			(TMC)		MAX	
Morons From Outer Space	(HBO)				MAX	Thorne-EMI
Mother is a Freshman					MAX	20th Century-Fox
Mouse and His Child, The				DIS		Sanrio Communications
Moving Violations	HBO		TMC		(MAX)	20th Century-Fox
Murphy's Romance	*HBO					Columbia
Music Man, The	HBO		(TMC)		(MAX)	Warner Bros.
My American Cousin					MAX	Int'l Spectrafilm
Nine Deaths of the Ninja		*ST	(TMC)			Crown
No Deposit, No Return				DIS		Disney
Not Quite Human				DIS		Disney
Odd Jobs	HBO					Silver Screen
Odd Man Out			*TMC			New Century
Oklahoma!				*DIS		Goldwyn
On the Right Track	HBO			*DIS	(MAX)	20th Century-Fox
One Million B.C.				DIS		Hal Roach
Ordinary Heroes					MAX	Video Media
Out of Africa	(HBO)	(ST)	(TMC)		*MAX	Universal
Out of Control	HBO				(MAX)	New World
Outrageous			TMC			Goldwyn
Owl and the Pussycat, The					MAX	Columbia
Pale Rider	*HBO	*ST	(TMC)		(MAX)	Warner Bros.
Passage to India, A	HBO				(MAX)	Thorne-EMI
Phantom Treehouse, The	HBO					Satori
Philadelphia Experiment, The	(HBO)				MAX	New World
Phobia			TMC			Paramount
Platypus Cove		ST		*DIS		Miramax
Police Academy 2	(HBO)	(ST)	TMC			Warner Bros.
Power					MAX	Lorimar
Pretty in Pink		(ST)	TMC			Paramount
Prince of the City					MAX	Warner Bros.
Private Function, A			TMC			Island
Prizzi's Honor	HBO	(ST)	(TMC)		(MAX)	Universal
Professionals, The					*MAX	Columbia
Protector, The					*MAX	Warner Bros.
Pudd'n Head Wilson			TMC			Transcon
Purple Hearts					MAX	Warner Bros.
Quicksilver	(HBO)				MAX	Columbia
Rack, The		(ST)	TMC			MGM/UA
Rainbow Brite and the Star Stealer	HBO					Warner Bros.
Raintree County	(HBO)			DIS	MAX	MGM/UA
Rambo First Blood Pt. 2	HBO					Tri-Star
Raw Courage	HBO				(MAX)	New World
Raw Deal		ST				DEG
Re-Animator	(HBO)				MAX	Vestron
Real Genius					*MAX	Tri-Star
Red Sonja			TMC			TBS
Reds	*HBO	(ST)	(TMC)			Paramount
Remains to Be Seen			TMC			MGM/UA
Remo Williams the Adventure Begins					*MAX	Orion
Return of the Jedi	(HBO)	(ST)	(TMC)		*MAX	Lucasfilm
Return of the Living Dead, The	HBO				(MAX)	Hemdale
Rings on Her Fingers					MAX	20th Century-Fox
Rocky IV	(HBO)				MAX	MGM/UA
Sandpiper, The			*TMC		(MAX)	MGM/UA
Savannah Smiles				*DIS		DEG
Scarlet Coat, The				*DIS		MGM/UA
Scorn of Women		ST				Fox Lorber
Second Time Lucky			TMC			Goldfarb
Secret of the Pirates Inn, The				DIS		Disney
Shaker Run	(HBO)				MAX	Goldwyn
Shining Season, A	HBO					Columbia
Silent Rage	HBO				(MAX)	Columbia
Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger				*DIS	MAX	Columbia
Something Wicked This Way Comes	HBO					Disney
Space Camp	HBO					ABC Distr.
Spiral Staircase, The	HBO				(MAX)	Warner Bros.
Stage Fright					MAX	Warner Bros.
Cat's Eye	HBO					MGM/UA
Silver Bullet		ST	TMC			Paramount
Stick	(HBO)	(ST)	TMC			Universal

Film	Pay Networks					Distributor
Stowaway in the Sky		ST				Janus
Stranger Than Paradise					MAX	Goldwyn
Stratton Story, The		ST	(TMC)	*DIS		MGM/UA
Street Walkin'		*ST			*MAX	New Horizons
Stripes	(HBO)				MAX	Columbia
Student Prince, The				*DIS		MGM/UA
Sudden Death	HBO					Lodestar
Summer Rental		*ST				Paramount
Sunday, Bloody Sunday			TMC			MGM/UA
Sure Thing, The			TMC			Embassy
Swallows and Amazons Forever!				DIS		Primetime Entertainment
Tender Trap, The			TMC			MGM/UA
Terminal Choice	(HBO)	ST	(TMC)			Almi
That Forsythe Woman				DIS	(MAX)	
There Goes My Heart				DIS		Hal Roach Studios
This Sporting Life			TMC			New Century
That Was Then... This Is Now			TMC			Paramount
Those Glory, Glory Days		ST	(TMC)			Film Gallery
Three Little Words				*DIS		MGM/UA
Thunder Alley					*MAX	Cannon
Thunder Run		ST				Cannon
Thunderhead Son of Flicka				DIS	MAX	20th Century-Fox
Time Bandits	(HBO)	(ST)	TMC			Handmade
Tom Sawyer			TMC	*DIS		MGM/UA
Topper				DIS		Hal Roach Studios
Torch Song		(ST)	TMC			MGM/UA
Trenchcoat				DIS		Disney
Two of a Kind				DIS		Lorimar
Under the Cherry Moon					MAX	Warner Bros.
Vamp	HBO					New World
Vanishing Wilderness	(HBO)			*DIS		Pacific Int'l
Verdict, The		(ST)	TMC			20th Century-Fox
Wacky Zoo of Morgan City, The				DIS		Disney
Walk on the Wild Side					MAX	Columbia
Warning Sign			TMC		MAX	20th Century-Fox
We Are Not Alone			TMC			MGM/UA
Wedding, A					MAX	20th Century-Fox
Weird Science	(HBO)	(ST)	TMC		(MAX)	Universal
When, Jenny? When?	HBO					Orbis
Where the Boys Are	HBO		(TMC)			MGM/UA
Whisperers, The			TMC			MGM/UA
Wifemistress					MAX	Castle Hill
Wildrose	*HBO					Troma
Witness		ST				Paramount

Cable Network Legend:
HBO—Home Box Office
ST—Showtime
TMC—The Movie Channel
DIS—The Disney Channel
MAX—Cinemax

- Networks in parentheses indicate carriage in January, February, March, April and/or May.
- An asterisk indicates the film is a carry-over from January, February, March, April and/or May.
- In total, 273 films appear on the June schedules of Home Box Office, Showtime, The Movie Channel, The Disney Channel and Cinemax. Of those titles, during the last six months, none has played on all five services, 14 have played on four of the five services, 20 have played on three, and 69 have played on two of the five services. One hundred and sixty-two titles on the June schedules of these five services were unduplicated in the last six months.
- The motion picture distributor with the most titles on pay TV in June is MGM/UA with 41, followed by Warner Bros. with 28, Columbia Pictures with 27, 20th Century-Fox with 24 and Paramount with 16.
- Titles subject to change.

Cable services subscriber count

Satellite national services

Basic services	Affiliates	Subscribers
ACTS Satellite Network	245	4,900,000
Alternate View Network	206	2,500,000
American Movie Classics	1,000	4,000,000
Arts & Entertainment (A&E)	2,300	22,000,000
Black Entertainment Television (BET)	812	12,500,000
Cable News Network (CNN)	10,228	38,456,000
Cable Value Network	107	17,100,000
C-SPAN	2,500	27,000,000
C-SPAN II	350	8,000,000
CBN Cable Network	7,452	34,086,000
Consumer Discount Network	40	750,000
Consumer Discount Network 2	60	2,000,000
Country Music Television	470	6,700,000
The Discovery Channel	1,700	15,000,000
ESPN	15,393	41,100,000
Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)	363	6,300,000
Financial News Network (FNN)	1,450	24,000,000
FNN/Score	1,050	19,000,000
FNN/TelShop	750	10,500,000
GalaVision	253	500,000
Headline News	3,812	23,598,000
Hit Video USA	41	1,700,000
Home Shopping Network	722	11,613,217
Home Shopping Network 2	245	5,820,000
International Television Network	46	5,000,000
The Learning Channel	820	7,600,000
Liberty Broadcasting Network	90	1,300,000
Lifetime	3,267	30,600,000
Music Television (MTV)	4,709	33,400,000
The Nashville Network	3,770	26,600,000
National Jewish Television (NJTV)	295	6,800,000
Nickelodeon	5,005	31,700,000
The Nostalgia Channel	215	1,200,000
PTL The Inspirational Network	1,300	13,300,000
QVC Network	450	10,500,000
Rock Christian Network	7	242,900
Silent Network	272	8,133,931
Sky Merchant	12	600,000
Tempo Television	665	12,500,000
The Travel Channel	120	6,000,000
Trinity Broadcasting Network	496	6,560,000
Univision	383	33,673,000
USA Network	8,500	37,000,000
Video Hits One (VH-1)	1,588	17,300,000
Video Shopping Mall	60	23,000,000
The Weather Channel	2,560	26,000,000
WGN-TV	9,706	22,481,000
WOR-TV	2,125	9,186,214
WPIX-TV	288	2,471,000
WTBS-TV	11,320	40,204,000
Pay services		
Bravo	300	400,000
Cinemax	3,650	4,100,000
The Disney Channel	4,300	3,175,000
Home Box Office (HBO)	6,700	15,000,000
The Movie Channel	3,250	3,250,000
The Playboy Channel	620	610,000
Showtime	3,200	5,400,000
Audio services		
Cable Radio Network	31	1,600,000
JazzAmerica	NA	NA
KKGO Super Jazz	12	120,000
Moody Bible Institute	59	868,516
Satellite Radio Network	251	740,000
Seeburg Lifestyle	151	2,465,000
Seeburg Lifestyle Adult Contemporary	25	536,000
Tempo Sound	300	1,000,000
WFMT Chicago	169	1,357,000
Text services		
AP News Cable	275	3,600,000
AP News Plus	60	1,500,000
Cable SportsTracker	33	2,333,000
DBC/MarketWatch	165	3,300,000
Electronic Program Guide (EPG)	399	7,089,000
EPG Jr.	87	97,100
Genesis Cable Storytime	35	1,310,000
Reuters News View	325	3,250,000
TV Decisions	170	6,300,000
Text services		
UPI Data Cable	450	4,000,000
X*Press	60	1,000

Non-satellite-fed national services

Bicycled services	Affiliates	Subscribers
Cable Auto Showcase	5	400,000
Cable Video Entertainment	150	5,600,000
Fuji Network	3	12,000
Nippon Golden Network	3	12,000
Vector Consumer News	5	200,000
Vector Consumer Shopping Guide	9	325,000

Regional entertainment services

Basic services	Affiliates	Subscribers
Atlanta Interfaith	7	155,000
Bay Area Religious Channel (BARC)	6	113,000
Buffalo Sabres Hockey	9	400,000
Cable TV Network of New Jersey	38	1,404,000
The Ecumenical Channel	7	149,000
KTVT	150	1,891,000
Life Newsvision	35	50,000
Madison Square Garden	90	2,015,000
Meadows Racing Network	14	446,000
News 12 Long Island	7	500,000
Prime Cable	8	325,865
Prime Ticket	30	1,600,000
SportsVision (Chicago)	38	610,000
Pay services		
Dodgervision	44	935,000
Giantsvision	38	1,000,000
Home Sports Entertainment—Houston/Dallas	119	216,000
Home Team Sports	100	600,000
New England Sports Network	159	181,482
PRISM-Philadelphia	86	379,004
Pro-Am Sports	128	160,000
SportsChannel (New England)	140	618,843
SportsChannel (New York)	80	800,000
Z Channel	21	84,700

Announced services

Satellite-fed services	Expected launch
Americana Network	2nd Quarter 1988
American Catalog Shopper's Network	4/87
Apollo Entertainment Television	TBA
Barter Resources Shopping Network	3rd Quarter 1987
Comedy Television	2nd Quarter 1987
Discovery Computer Network	1987
Discovery Financial Network	1987
Drive-In Movie Channel	2nd Quarter 1987
El Canal Musical	4th Quarter 1987
Ethnic Radio Networks	1st Quarter 1987
EventTelevision	1st Quarter 1987
The Fashion Channel	7/87
Gospel Music Network	3/87
International Business Network	2nd Quarter 1987
International Cablecasting's Cable Radio Network	9/87
Movie Time	7/87
Ozark Mountain Network	2/87
The Preview Network	5/87
Telaction	6/87
Tunnelvision	10/87
Vacation Travel Network	6/87
World Travel Network	2nd Quarter 1987

Note: Figures for affiliate and subscriber counts will be updated quarterly unless information is provided by the service. Send information to: CableVision, Attention Cable Stats, P.O. Box 5208-T.A., Denver, CO 80217.
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